



he INL develops unique science and engineering solutions for other Federal agencies, private companies, universities, and state and local governments through the Work for Others Program. Work for Others is the performance of work, such as research and development or applied engineering, for sponsors outside of the Department of Energy.

The primary purpose of the INL Work For Others Program is to make available the wealth of technologies, personnel and expertise, and facilities in

which Federal funds have been invested. The INL's advanced, state-of-the-art technology, materials and services are provided to the public to benefit programs of national importance and to enhance industrial competitiveness.

Some 35 percent of INL's funding is provided by federal and nonfederal agencies other than DOE and Work for Others is a program by which INL can seek, accept and control much of that work.

Work for Others enhances transfer of technology to the private sector and supports a long-term benefit toward strengthening the competitiveness of U.S. industry.

The customers who use INL's Work for Others program include the Army, Air Force, and Navy as well as the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and National Security, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, NASA, the Environmental Protection Agency and others.

## Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations apply to the INL

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#### Work For Others program:

- Work must not compete with the private sector
- Work requested must be mission-related
- Work is on a best effort basis
- The project is full-cost recovery
- A ninety day up-front payment is required
- Work must not be in response to a RFP

### The WFO Process

A request letter must be received by DOE-ID from a potential Federal sponsor or for non-Federal sponsors a letter may be sent to the INL directly.

Once requests are received, INL will prepare a decision package for internal review. INL reviewers, prior to submittal to DOE-ID, approve all WFO projects internally. DOE-ID then reviews the package, resolves any issues with the contractor, and approves or rejects the project.

Upon mutual agreement, approval by DOE and receipt of funding, work on the project will commence. No work can begin on a project until appropriate funding has been received from the sponsor.

DOE-ID exercises oversight of all WFO projects and will assign a technical monitor to exercise oversight of each project.

The DOE-ID monitor will approve the PMP and participate in program reviews; design reviews, meetings with sponsors, and receives Semiannual Progress Reports from the



project manager. It is crucial for individuals involved in a WFO project to work closely with the monitor from the beginning of the project, since he/she will provide valuable insight and support.

The intellectual property rights associated with the work performed through the Work For Others program is outlined up-front in the agreement.

# WFO Objectives

- To provide assistance to OFA and non-Federal entities in accomplishing goals that may otherwise be unattainable and to avoid the possible duplication of effort at Federal facilities
- Where private sector facilities are inadequate, to provide access for non-DOE entities to highly specialized or unique DOE facilities, services, or technical expertise
- To increase Research and Development (R&D) interactions between DOE facilities and industry to transfer technology originat-

ing in DOE facilities to industry for further development or commercialization.

 To maintain core competencies and enhance the science and technology capabilities at DOE facilities.

# How do I get a WFO project started?

Individuals or groups can begin a Work For Others project by contacting INL's Technology Transfer and Commercialization office.

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